

## **Information about the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)**

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) takes effect **February 10, 2009**. The new regulations were passed by Congress on August 14, 2008 in response to widespread recalls of products that posed a threat to children, including toys made with lead or lead-based paint. Per the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), manufacturers, importers and retailers are expected to comply with the new Congressionally-mandated laws.

- As of **August 14, 2008**, it became unlawful to sell recalled products.
- Certain children's products manufactured on or after **February 10, 2009** cannot be sold if they contain more than 0.1% of certain specific phthalates or if they fail to meet new mandatory standards for toys.
- As of **February 10, 2009**, Children's products cannot be sold if they contain more than 600 parts per million (ppm) total lead, even if they were manufactured before that date.
- As of **August 14, 2009**, the allowable total lead limit drops to 300 ppm.

For information and timelines about the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at: [www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html)